

**Swan Hill TV District**

**March 13, 2017 – Swan River School 6th grade classroom.** Present: Vilma Chemers, chair; Gary Riecke, vice-chair; Kathy Erickson, secretary/treasurer; Fred Keiser, Carol Field, bookkeeper.

**Emergency meeting called to order at 5:05 pm. The sole purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the April board meeting with Julie Schauffer, representing Crown Castle, to discuss the ongoing issue of excessive sound emanating from the T-Mobile cabinet and AT&T's generator.**

Fred and Gary both spoke about the lack of alignment in terminology and language between the board and Crown Castle. With the acoustics report, Crown Castle believes our goals have been met. The T-Mobile platform noise and AT&T generator noise were not taken into account, therefore the board disagrees. How do we get on the same page? Carol suggested that the board invite Julie up to the site in advance of the meeting. Fred and Gary will meet with Randy well before the April board meeting so that they can better prepare him to be our legal advocate. This will include a visit to the site on Swan Hill.

**The Noisemakers:**

1. T-Mobile platform, fans make a loud whining noise. Plywood provides no relief.
2. AT&T generator, when operating, is very loud. It runs a test during the day, but if there's a power outage, would run constantly until power returns. Its metal cabinet does nothing to mitigate sound.

**Talking Points for meeting with Julie.**

1. The acoustic report is invalid since no cooling systems were running. Neither the T-Mobile cooling systems nor the AT&T back up generator were running.
2. Therefore Julie's comments based on the report and the report's conclusions are invalid.
3. We have made photographs of equipment as well as a sound sample of the T-Mobile platform available to Crown Castle through Randy.
4. AT&T generator enclosure is designed only to protect it from elements, but does nothing to prevent the production of an excessive sound level at the perimeter of the facility.
5. AT&T generator is loud. If power goes out, it will run constantly until power returns. It is not acceptable that the AT&T generator produces an excessive sound level at any time, not just when it is not running.
6. The board and Crown Castle must align on terminology.
7. Bring Julie to the AT&T site on Swan Hill to facilitate #6.

**Kathy will send minutes of this meeting to the board for approval tomorrow, March 14, 2017. As soon as everyone has approved of these minutes via email, Kathy shall send them to Flathead County.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.**

**The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 4 pm, meet at Swan River School, 6th grade classroom, then carpool up to SHTVD site on Swan Hill.**